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In re Application of:

Akira ISHIBASHI et al.

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For: FORMED ARTICLE OF
BIODEGRADABLE RESIN

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated April 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

E1 SUB FID
2. The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said aliphatic polyester component accounts for a proportion in the range of 55 to 90% by weight of the material.

E2 SUB FID
5. The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler is at least one member selected from the group consisting of talc, calcium carbonate, clay, kaolin, carbon, mica, silica, aluminum oxide, magnesium hydroxide and barium sulfate.

6. The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler contained in said continuous phase is talc.

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